

## Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 7, 2004**. As harvesting nears completion, farmers continue with preparations for cool-season forages. The increased rains have improved soil moisture and allowed for fall planting to continue. Cattle producers are pleased with the cooler temperatures and precipitation that has increased pasture growth and allowed for additional grazing time. The cooler temperatures have appeared to slow the Blast problem affecting ryegrass fields in southern parts of Mississippi. Wet conditions prevented cotton harvesting from resuming until late in the week and into the weekend. Soil moisture was rated 6 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2003	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	89	85	96	90	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	100	99	98	94	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	44	34	89	71	--	--	--	--	--
	Emerged	34	21	75	49	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	86	83	98	97	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						3	8	19	56	14

### County Agent Comments

"Rains have caused quality problems in the crops left to be harvested."

— Mack Young, Quitman

"There are still a few fall army worms attacking ryegrass. Hopefully, the cooler weather will alleviate the problem."

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

"Rains early in the week put a damper on harvesting for another week. We are almost close to completing harvest with only a few acres left in the field. Another big rain will complete the harvest due to field weather losses."

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

"Blast seems to be slowing down in my area since the cooler weather moved in. Several producers over-seeded some cereal grains in their ryegrass. With the exception of ryegrass, most of the winter forages are actively growing with the warmer temperatures."

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

"Rain showers have finally restored soil moisture to adequate levels to support cool-season forage growth. Hopefully, the cooler weather experienced Thursday through Saturday evenings will diminish problems associated with widespread pressure from Blast disease."

— Lamar Adams, Walthall

“Harvest for most all crops is done. Winter forage production has been slow, but cooler temps and recent rainfall have given them a boost.”

— Mark Gillie, Greene

“Cattle producers are spraying ryegrass pastures for grub worm control and weeds. Some Blast disease is being found in September planted ryegrass. Cooler weather should take care of this.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“South Mississippi is enjoying the cooler weather after the much needed rain. The last two weeks have seen a tremendous increase of Blast in ryegrass with one producer already losing 300 acres.”

— Stan Pace, Stone

“Fields are muddy. We had a total of around 4 inches of rain this week. It will be the middle of next week before many can get back in the field. The sun finally shined Friday.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“The rain stopped and producers were able to start back harvesting cotton over the weekend. We need several days of good weather to catch up with harvesting soybeans and cotton.”

— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Looks like we may finally get an opportunity to make some real progress with the cotton harvesting. Farmers will likely be harvesting over the weekend and until the weather changes next week. Hopefully, we will get all but the very latest fields picked.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“The latest fields are being picked now, and it looks as though we are in good shape.”

— Kay Emmons, Montgomery

“Blast has affected many of our ryegrass fields due to the warm, humid weather. Hopefully, the cool weather will stay and bring some relief.”

— Perry Brumfield, Lincoln

“Ryegrass is off to a slow start. Some army worms and aphids have appeared in ryegrass. Blast has been a problem in early-planted ryegrass. Cattle are in good shape and some pastures still have some summer grass, although this forage is very tough. Some hay is still being put up.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“We should see a decrease in Blast on ryegrass with the cooler temperatures and lower humidity. The rain we received early last week helped to get later planted ryegrass up and growing. We received our first frost Saturday morning.”

— Chuck Grantham, Jones

“Recent rainfall and cooler temperatures have been a plus for beef cattle producers as ryegrass will thrive and cattle will have adequate grazing for fall. Winter wheat planting has been delayed by the rainfall received this week.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“Good rain brought some water to ponds that were drying up. We still need several more inches to get farm ponds back up to normal levels.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

“All crops have been harvested. Ryegrass is up and doing well. One producer told me last night that he is feeding hay and supplements. He stated that it is much easier to maintain condition on cattle than it is to put it back on them. Other producers are haying, as summer grazing is gone. By the last of November, cattle will be on winter grazing.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

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Weather Summary from November 1, 2004 to November 7, 2004 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Charleston				55		2.53	+1.37	3	11.70				
Cleveland	72	44	57	57	0	2.12	+0.98	4	6.18				
Tunica	81	44	61	56	+5	4.74	+3.62	3	7.98				
Extreme/Average	81	44	59	57	+2	3.13	+2.03	3	8.62				
2. North-Central													
Hickory Flat	79	34	63	53	+10	1.42	+0.32	3	6.68				
Calhoun City	81	35	61	55	+6	1.07	+0.14	5	4.38				
Independence	80	37	60	54	+6	2.01	+1.03	4	8.11				
Oxford	82	37	61	55	+6	1.43	+0.32	3	3.69				
Extreme/Average	82	34	61	55	+6	1.48	+0.41	4	5.72				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	78	43	63	54	+9	0.75	-0.35	4	6.93				
Iuka	78	30	58	52	+6	0.70	-0.41	3	6.95				
Ripley	79	35	61	53	+8	1.61	+0.49	3	6.37				
Tupelo	83	39	62			0.68		3	7.34				
Verona				55		0.88	-0.03	3	7.66				
Extreme/Average	83	30	61	55	+6	0.92	-0.15	3	7.05				
4. Lower Delta													
Moorhead	81	45	62	58	+4	2.58	+1.53	5	4.33				
Rolling Fork	82	42	64	58	+6	2.95	+1.90	4	4.64	79		45	
Stoneville				57		2.86	+1.81	2	6.85	80	55	66	0.26
Yazoo City	81	39	62	59	+3	1.79	+0.67	3	4.99				
Extreme/Average	82	39	63	58	+5	2.55	+1.46	4	5.20	80		55	0.26
5. Central													
Canton	84	35	59	58	+1	1.60	+0.48	3	3.49				
Carthage	84	36	61	57	+4	1.42	+0.34	3	3.74				
Lexington	81	35	60	57	+3	1.22	+0.09	3	3.97				
Eupora	87	35	61	55	+6	0.99	-0.07	4	3.48				
Extreme/Average	87	35	60	57	+3	1.31	+0.22	3	3.67				
6. East-Central													
Aberdeen	82	36	63	56	+7	1.01	-0.00	2	3.68				
Houston	83	34	60	54	+6	0.83	-0.20	3	5.52				
Louisville				57		1.34	+0.32	2	5.38				
State University	85	36	63	57	+6	1.25	+0.28	3	5.59	75	60	69	0.10
Extreme/Average	85	34	62	57	+5	1.11	+0.06	3	5.04	75	60	69	0.10
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	84	39	62	60	+2	3.00	+2.10	2	6.60	81	56	68	
Natchez	83	39	63	61	+2	3.14	+1.98	3	5.46				
Oakley				58		2.03	+0.94	3	7.78				
Vicksburg	80	41	61			2.35		3	6.79				
Extreme/Average	84	39	62	60	+2	2.63	+1.58	3	6.66	81	56	68	
8. South-Central													
Collins				59		3.51	+2.49	3	5.53				
Columbia				60		2.67	+1.67	4	3.84				
Tylertown	84	37	66	61	+5	4.30	+3.27	3	5.47				
Extreme/Average	84	37	66	60	+6	3.49	+2.47	3	4.95				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	89	38	67			2.25		3	3.63				
Hattiesburg	87	39	68	61	+7	1.64	+0.52	2	4.45				
Laurel	85	39	66	59	+7	1.84	+0.85	3	3.97				
Newton	86	33	63	57	+6	1.61	+0.54	2	7.96	75	58	68	0.11
Extreme/Average	89	33	66	59	+7	1.84	+0.81	3	5.00	75	58	68	0.11
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis				62					0.00				
Gulfport	84	43	70	64	+6	1.96	+1.03	3	2.29				
Poplarville	83	41	65	62	+3	2.85	+1.87	1	5.19	79	65	70	0.25
Waveland	85	42	69	62	+7	0.03	-0.97	1	0.63				
Extreme/Average	85	41	68	62	+6	1.61	+0.61	2	2.91	79	65	70	0.25
State	89	30	63	58	+5	1.97	+0.92	3	5.37	81	55	66	0.16

DFN = Departure from Normal.